SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the specification as follows:

Substitute the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 18, with the following:

Most systems that utilize filter engines for processing documents and messages store multiple filters in one or more filter tables which are accessed by a filter engine when the filter engine receives an input. But the ~~filters~~ filter tables may contain thousands of entries and testing an input against each of the filters can consume a significant amount of system resources.